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I do not believe that anybody can contemplate the subject without becoming prejudiced against this liquid crime.

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## TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH CADY STANTON

BY JOSEPHINE K. HENRY

The death of my beloved friend, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, fills my heart with grief, for I realize that her death is a calamity to the world. She was a daughter of New York, but for her splendid service to the human race she is claimed not only by the people within the broad boundaries of the American Republic, but by the people of all lands and where liberty is prized, or the hope of liberty cherished. It is given to but few human beings on this earth to become a positive force in moulding civilization.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton is one of the majestic figures of modern times, and her strong character, her mental and moral influence, and the achievements of her great and noble life are positive forces, that are powerful factors in developing national and individual life.

Nations have mourned the loss of statesmen and warriors, and the people have been called on to cease their labors and stand with uncovered heads, until the funeral pageant passed by, but among all those who dealt in statecraft and war, not one of them touched the vital problems upon which the weal or woe of humanity depends with such power as Elizabeth Cady Stanton. This woman philosopher found the "Lost Chord" in the anthem of Liberty and she struck it with such a power that it resounded in the hearts, the homes, the legislative halls, the ecclesiastical councils of the New and the Old world. She hewed her way to the highest pinnacle of earthly fame and usefulness with the weapons of conviction, courage, and self-sacrifice, and the influence of her work is to be found upon State and National statutes, and is woven into the warp and woof of industrial, political, educational, and social life of America, Europe, and far away India.

A life of 87 years devoted to the cause of liberty cannot be paralleled in the history of man.

The capstone of crowning virtue of this grand woman was her brave and transparent singleness of purpose. Whether the world maligned and frowned, or praised and smiled, this grand apostle of liberty kept on her way, and as her funeral cortege moves the women of the world should bow their heads in homage and gratitude to this woman, who through storm and conflict, has brought light, liberty and independence in a measure into their hitherto oppressed, wronged, and dependent lives. I know of no one who has exerted so great an influence on my life as Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Often as I have entered the old Capitol at Frankfort to plead for the rights and liberties of Kentucky women when I saw the members of the General Assembly crowding into the Legislature Hall, my heart sank within me, fearing I was not equal to the responsibility laid upon me.

Suddenly some influence seemed to say to me: "Fear not, be a faithful sentinel on the watch tower of liberty; remember Elizabeth Cady Stanton."

With this thought my fears fled and I felt I had so grand a cause it would plead itself.

The influence of the immortal Elizabeth Cady Stanton has awakened the latent giant ego in the lives of millions of wronged and oppressed women. To the listless and the halting it said in clear tones:

"Be not pinched in a corner, not towards fleeing before a revolution, but redeemers and benefactors, aspirants to be individuals with human rights."

Elizabeth Cady Stanton will need no monument of sculptured marble. Every woman, from the mental to the big-brained college-bred woman who is forging her way to the front ranks in commercial or professional life, as a monument to her. These living monuments are sending her influence through the sociology of today, and placing before Church Councils, political parties and legislative assemblies, the most vital questions which have ever confronted them.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton is more alive today than when she was on the earth. She will be with us while we tarry here, and she will stay after we are gone.

This great woman grasped demonstrated facts, and rose superior to the political systems which have destroyed nations, and to the inherited religious superstitions and prejudices bequeathed from an ignorant and cruel past, which have kept the human race in mental slavery.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton performed the herculean task of breaking the deadly spell of the Mosaic and Pauline codes, dooming woman to silence and subjection, which, like a Stygian vapor has paralyzed all that is noblest in the sex, thereby blighting the race. Until she spoke, everything for woman was pitched in a minor key, until there burst forth from this regal soul, inspiring notes which have constantly reverberated along the dead level where dwells enslaved womanhood. Elizabeth Cady Stanton from her intellectual throne, reared by her own courage proclaimed:

## END OF A NOBLE LIFE



MRS. STANTON AT EIGHTY. MRS. STANTON AT SIXTY.

"That woman had borne with man his sorrows,  
She had borne with man his chains,  
And that she must stand with him co-equal  
On life's high exalted plains."

And she further proclaimed that religious superstitions made mental and moral cowards of the human race, and that the absolute divorce of Church and State is the sheet anchor of liberty.

This woman discovered with her keen mental power and her analytical and philosophic mind, that Bible commands which teach the inferior position of woman, and her silence and subjection are her greatest enemies, and the truth of this has been demonstrated by the fact that every advance step woman has taken, has been in defiance of these commands. She inaugurated the Woman Suffrage movement, and has always contended that the Church as organized has withheld both Liberty and Justice from woman, and if Elizabeth Cady Stanton's wise councils had been heeded in the past two decades, the cause would be 25 years nearer final victory than it is today—and it never will triumph until they are put into practice, and women demand liberty and justice in the church as they do in the State. The cause today under a conservative policy is "in statu quo," and it will remain so, until women become wise enough to storm the citadel of their wrongs. After 50 years of struggle no branch of the Christian Church has grasped the suffrage flag with the golden stars, and helped to carry it to victory. Today in the United States there is not one church in five hundred that will open its doors to suffrage meetings, and woman suffragists are not encouraged and aided but more often denounced by ALL the churches.

The noblest and grandest workers in any cause, always receive ingratitude from those they labor for, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton was no exception. The National Suffrage Convention held in Washington in 1896 went out of its way, and beyond its province to pass a resolution condemning the "Woman's Bible," which had been issued by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and her invited co-workers, when the work of the very woman they condemned made it possible for Woman Suffragists to meet in Convention.

Why should Elizabeth Cady Stanton's right to publish a book be condemned by a Suffrage Convention? Such a policy has proven itself very harmful to the movement, and was the deepest ingratitude to the splendid woman whose brains and wisdom were so superior that there are none of the new generation worthy to wear her mantle.

There has never yet appeared a doctor of divinity, or an orthodox Woman Suffragist, great enough, ingenious enough, or brave enough to attempt to answer Elizabeth Cady Stanton's arguments, and today the most learned ecclesiastics in Christendom will not dare to take "The Woman's Bible" into his pulpit, and

before his congregation, compare it with the "Holy Bible," and prove the "Woman's Bible" false.

If any man had engrafted such vital issues into the religious and political systems of his time as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, he would be canonized above all the saints in the calendar, and if she had possessed the privileges of a man she would be acknowledged as the greatest person of her time.

While statesmen in the political maelstrom were advocating liberty for one class and slavery for another, Elizabeth Cady Stanton from the heights of mental and moral integrity, was sounding the tocsin of liberty for nations, classes and individuals.

While statesmen were showered with honors, power, titles, and large salaries for their services Elizabeth Cady Stanton planted on the Gibraltar of her convictions, battled against the tides of opposition, without the compensation of place, power, or money and through her fidelity to principle she became the herald of the new dispensation, that will shape the civilization of the 20th Century.

She stood firmly with the minority and the fidelity of the minorities has made social progress a fact.

Washington and Lincoln are immortal names dear to the hearts of all lovers of liberty. The rusty sword of the one, and the silent pen of the other, proclaim liberty but half won.

Add to these, the immortal name of Stanton, whose life was devoted to the final conquest of freedom, and we have the most splendid triumvirate of liberators the world has ever seen.

What statesman of the American Republic can present a record of so pure a life and long service to the work of making the foundation principles of our government a fact as Elizabeth Cady Stanton? Her standard was embellished with these principles: "Taxation without representation is tyranny." "Political power inheres in the people." "True government consists in the consent of the governed." She never lowered it, and she never beat a retreat and when death was glazing her eyes and paralyzing her frame she dictated a letter to the President of the United States urging him to recommend Woman Suffrage in his next annual message to Congress. The work of this grand woman soars above the highest mountain tops, and it is written in letters of the sunbeam across the blue arch, that forever looks down upon humanity ever struggling to secure Liberty and Justice.

Under the flag with the golden stars tugging to the breeze by our dead leader, let all who love liberty pledge themselves anew to never lay down their armor until every woman on American soil is released from ecclesiastical and political slavery.

Then, indeed, will a "Statue of Liberty" be reared upon American soil. Upon her head will be wreathed a chaplet of immortal glory. The fleecy clouds will love to linger about

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## ELIZABETH CADY STANTON

The life of this great, grand woman should be an inspiration to every Freethinker, urging him to push forward and on to the goal of human liberty.

We have but to look back upon her career to become conscious of how little we, ourselves, do.

It is hard to push any reform, even when it has advanced well on the way. Think, for a moment then, of the uphill work of making the start. Think of the force, energy, persistence, discouragements and heartaches to be put forth and endured.

Happily, Nature fitted, endowed, and equipped Elizabeth Cady Stanton for just such a burden. Nature gave her a great brain and placed it in a great body. She was thus fitted by nature for leadership.

When we look upon the rugged features and giant frame of George Washington, we behold in him the individuality and greatness of the cause he espoused.

Nature fitted him to withstand the hardships of war, and to inspire patriotism in his soldiery. His personality was an inspiration to them—a magnet around which they rallied their very lives.

Paine, who was intellectually, a greater man, and even more potent in other directions, could not have commanded and held together the Continental army.

There was that combination of brain, body, dignity, individuality, and force of character in Washington necessary for leadership in the sphere of physical action.

The same may be said of Elizabeth Cady Stanton. She was a female Washington.

She will stand first among women, many of whom are intellectually greater than herself, as Washington stands first among men, many of whom were intellectually greater than he.

Like Washington, she had the staying qualities. This woman with an idea arose among us, won to herself a few associates, called conventions, set on foot a propaganda, perfected a great and widening organization, systematized it into a powerful influence at the polls in many States, and into a potent, abiding moral influence in every section of the land. For fifty years her work has stood in the limelight of public inspection, subjected to ridicule and often to bitter opposition. But she never faltered.

She was regarded by women generally as a mannish crank; but few among the thoughtful of today, doubt the sincerity of her purpose, the high moral attitude of her ambition, or the infinite possibility to be derived from her suggestions and accomplishments.

In fact she stands by the side of Jefferson as the founder of a great party. She lived to see the principles for which she stood, respected, and of the best men and women of the time.

What statesman of today has accomplished as much? Name one who has advanced a moral principle and maintained it, and built a party upon it.

In wife-hood and mother-hood she was as eminently conspicuous as in her humanitarianism. She well demonstrated the fact that woman may serve the public and still dignify and sweeten the home.

The rare combination of genius, courage, energy and domesticity that made up the character of Elizabeth Cady Stanton would have made any man great in his own generation.

But there remains one element of greatness in her which rises above all these: She was a Freethinker. Since her death, this fact has been but little exploited in the press, in fact a studied care has been exercised to keep it still. Only one mention has been made of it, and that by her old associate, Susan B. Anthony, who has publicly stated that, Mrs. Stanton was an Atheist, "that at times, for a certain purpose, she would talk of 'Over There,' but she did not mean it, but instead believed that death ended all."

This distinctive element of greatness in her will be but little recognized by the public. The clergy will contrive that it be made as little known as possible. They will do all they can to defeat infidelity by robbing it of the credit of heading and instituting reform.

Just as they claim the influence of Franklin, Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln upon American affairs, likewise they will attempt to appropriate Mrs. Stanton to themselves. But the time will come when it will be generally known and recognized that it would have been impossible for Franklin, Jefferson, Washington, Lincoln and Mrs. Stanton to have been what they were if they had not been Freethinkers, Deists and Atheists.

Rationalism will not forever be robbed of its laurels.

The first person to advocate Woman's Rights in this country was Thomas Paine, an Infidel—a Deist.

The first person to organize a Woman's Rights Association in this country was Elizabeth Cady Stanton—Infidel and Atheist. The struggle to gain press recognition and public respect was arduous and long. It re-

quired indomitable will and vast intellectual resources, besides a great individuality.

Mrs. Stanton was a politician. She observed that woman-kind was controlled by the church. She realized that she must enlist the favor and utilize the strength of women in the church. She soon brought to her side such eminent church women as Susan B. Anthony, Mary A. Livermore and others.

She saw that as soon as woman was set to work in her own interests and for her own liberty, she would gradually free herself.

Therefore she was temporizing, as she had to be, on matters of religion. Not until late years, after the work she had started had obtained firm root in solid ground, did she openly attack the church.

Today Woman Suffrage has taken its place among the live public issues of the age. Its progress has been marked by many defeats, and by many victories. It has, in fact become a world issue. Women of foreign lands are now engaged in propagandic work. Several of the States of this Union have granted women the ballot. Others stand ready. It will require many years of hard and assiduous labor before woman has attained her full political emancipation.

But the work Mrs. Stanton started will push on to its ultimate end. It is significant that this reform,—this strike for liberty was inaugurated by infidelity.

It is being continually put to us—"What has infidelity done for the world?" Measured by dollars and cents,—by the money put in the churches and convents and charitable institutions, infidelity has done but little compared to religion.

But measured by intellectual force, and broad humanitarianism leading up to political, religious, and intellectual emancipation, it has done a thousand times more for the real good of humanity than religion has ever done. In fact it has done nearly all that ever has been done, to free the human mind.

Its work is not to be looked for in great piles of brick and stone, which try to outlive each other in fashion and power; but rather its work is to be seen in the faces of free, enlightened men and women—in the liberal government of men—in the advances of education and science—in the progress toward improved social conditions and in the political emancipation of women.

Its work is plainly written upon the faces and bodies of men,—in the progress of humanity to a higher plane of ethics and justice.

When I am asked, "What has infidelity done for humanity," I cannot look about me and point to a pile of stone and mortar, dedicated to the honor and praise of saints and gods of the dim, dead Past, but I point direct to the countenances of the living men and women who pass me by.

You may build up church steeples until they pierce the infinite azure; they may rise so high, that at the night-long around their golden-tipped summits speed and spin the silver stars. Still they will not reach the heights of the mind of a child. Still they are far, far below the heights which infidelity has measured with its telescope.

The heights of Freethought are the heights of MIND, and cannot be measured by dome and minaret and tower, or by gilded altar and idolatrous statuary.

Were every church in this country piled straight on top of each other, they would not begin to reach the heights of good which Elizabeth Cady Stanton accomplished for mankind.

She started a reformation which the church has ever opposed, and which it still opposes, and which I believe will prove its death blow. With the freedom of the mind of woman, the power of the priesthood and clergy become a divided power; and when woman ceases taking her belief at the hands of man; when she takes her rightful place in creed-making and in church jurisdiction; when she begins to preach, as she now works for half the salary the preacher gets; then farewell to the occupations of the holy men of God. Farewell to the ancient gods and saints and relics and superstitions which still bind humanity to dead and depraved ages. Then the face of man will be turned forward. His gods will be the great reformers of the present. His Bible will be humanity. He will take his revelations from the developments of the Future instead of from the dreams of the past.

Free women will make free men, and free men will not support a mighty power at enmity always with free speech and with free government.

The work of Mrs. Stanton cannot be estimated. Her fame is secure. It will grow brighter, just as woman advances. It will grow more steady, just as superstition declines. Woman having once started forward through organization will not turn back. Eventually, she will stand upon an equal footing politically and religiously with man, and this consummation will be the result of the work originated and planned by this great, unselfish, sympathetic, liberty-loving philosopher and woman.

When asked, "What has infidelity done for the world?" you may proudly point to the life, labor and achievements of Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

She needs no monument. But were I a rich man, from the gratitude of my heart, I would erect a temple in her honor, and perpetuate her image in enduring bronze.

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